GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of children have died in various parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh during the past few months due to malnutrition as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 13 September 2008;

(b) if so, the facts thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any report from the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the findings of the report and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (d) : There have been reports, in recent months, of death of Children due to malnutrition in some districts of Madhya Pradesh. However, the State Government has reported that there have been no deaths of children below 6 years due to malnutrition, accordingly to their investigation report in the four districts of Madhya Pradesh since May, 2008 till date. However, malnutrition is high in some parts of Madhya Pradesh and is often a contributing factor for deaths due to disease among the children.

The State Government has also informed that it has taken various actions and steps for improvement of health and malnutrition status of the children like Bal Sanjivini Abhiya, Project Muskan, Bal Shakti Yojana, Mangal Diwas, Project Shaktiman etc.

The State Government also takes action to organize, health check-up camps and refer severely malnourished children to Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre.